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1. Klotzsche (P29), 18 June 1947

A new fighter unit was observed on 18 June by a source who last visited this field on 9 April. Stunt flying was being practised.

2. Mockau (B21), 20 June 1947

Approximately eight LI-2 (PS-84) aircraft were seen on the field, which has been repaired.

3. Grossenhain (A01), 20 June 1947

Source, visiting the area for the first time since 11 April, witnessed lively air activity. Several U-2 aircraft were seen in solo flights, as well as four-plane fighter formations.

4. Rangsdorf (Z82), 12 June 1947

A new fighter unit, comprising thirty LA-5's, was observed. Two-plane formation flights and stunt flying took place. Pilots appeared to be receiving advanced training.

25X1A6a Comment: The above aircraft strength agrees with that reported by another reliable source on [redacted] 25X1X6

5. Inhabitants of Rangsdorf and Sperenberg (Z80) report that this region has been used recently by high-flying bomber formations accompanied by fighter aircraft. On 4 June, a bomb destroyed a house in a new Rangsdorf settlement.

6. Staaken (Z65), Early July

The field contained approximately sixty YAK-1 or LA-3 fighters in early July.

25X1A6a Comment: Approximately the same number of fighters were stationed at Rangsdorf when it was last observed in March.

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7. Werneuchen (V06), Early July 1947

Approximately 5,000 Soviet Air Force and engineering troops have been at the Werneuchen field since 15 June. Although a considerable part of the field cannot be used at present, due to the softness of the ground, the Russians plan to install new equipment and have the field activated completely by the end of July. At that time, two fighter groups are expected to arrive. In early July, the field held 120 aircraft of various types: reconnaissance, trainers, and twin-engine bombers.

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Comment: Another source reported on [redacted] that the field had ninety-five planes, the majority being PE-2's. See Report [redacted].

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8. Lärz (U33), 28 June 1947

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This field, recently repaired by Soviet troops, is being used to test rocket-driven planes (Raketenflugzeuge). On 28 June, there were twelve of these planes ready to be tested. The exhaust pipe is of an all metal cast; the average speed is 650 kph. The test pilots are Germans who are billeted outside the village and are closely watched.

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